

CLAIMS

I claim:

1. A spare wheel assembly, comprising:

a frame having opposed ends;

a wheel hub being secured to one end of said frame;

a pair of mounting brackets being adapted for attachment to the leaf springs of a trailer and being pivotally secured to said frame, one of said mounting brackets being secured to the end of said frame to which said wheel hub is not secured and the other one of said mounting brackets being secured to said frame between said wheel hub and the other one of said mounting brackets; and,

a wheel being secured to said wheel hub.

2. The spare wheel assembly according to claim 1 wherein said frame includes:

a longitudinal member to which said pair of mounting brackets is pivotally secured; and,

a transverse member being secured to, and extending at right angles from, said longitudinal member, said transverse member having a free end remote from said longitudinal member and carrying said wheel hub at said free end.

3. The spare wheel assembly according to claim 1 wherein each of said brackets includes:
- a base portion having a pair of upright legs joined at their tops by a crosspiece, said crosspiece projecting outwardly from both of said legs so as to define a pair of retaining flanges respectively located on opposite sides of said base portion;
 - a locking portion being positioned in registry with said base portion; and,
 - a pair of threaded fasteners passing through said retaining flanges and said locking portion for releasably and adjustably fastening said base portion and said locking portion together.
4. The spare wheel assembly in accordance with claim 3 wherein said base portion further includes a tab extending upright from said crosspiece for engagement with the leaf springs of a trailer so as to align said spare wheel assembly with the longitudinal axis of a trailer.
5. A spare wheel assembly, comprising:
- a frame;
 - a wheel hub being secured to said frame;
 - a pair of mounting brackets being adapted for attachment to the leaf springs of a trailer and being pivotally secured to said frame, each of said mounting brackets including:

a base portion having a pair of upright legs joined at their tops by a crosspiece;
a locking portion being positioned in registry with said crosspiece; and,
a pair of threaded fasteners passing through said crosspiece and said locking
portion for releasably and adjustably fastening said base portion and said
locking portion together; and,
a wheel being secured to said wheel hub.

6. The spare wheel assembly according to claim 5 wherein said frame includes:

a longitudinal member to which said pair of mounting brackets is pivotally secured; and,
a transverse member being secured to, and extending at right angles from, said
longitudinal member, said transverse member having a free end remote from said
longitudinal member and carrying said wheel hub at said free end.

7. The spare wheel assembly in accordance with claim 5 wherein said base portion further
includes a tab extending upright from said crosspiece for engagement with the leaf springs of a
trailer so as to align said spare wheel assembly with the longitudinal axis of a trailer.

8. A spare wheel assembly, comprising:

a frame including:

a longitudinal member having opposed ends; and,

a transverse member being secured to, and extending at right angles from, one of
said opposed ends of said longitudinal member, said transverse member
having a free end remote from said longitudinal member;
a wheel hub being secured to said free end of said transverse member;
a pair of mounting brackets being adapted for attachment to the leaf springs of a trailer
and being pivotally secured to said frame, each of said mounting brackets
including:
a base portion having a pair of upright legs joined at their tops by a crosspiece;
a locking portion being positioned in registry with said crosspiece; and,
a pair of threaded fasteners securing said base portion to said locking portion;
and,
a wheel being secured to said wheel hub.